

March 2, 2015

## **FFY 2015 SECTION 5311 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funding financial assistance for Federal Fiscal Year 2015 (to be allocated to subrecipients October 2015-September 2016) administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

ADOT's Multimodal Planning Division (MPD) administers the rural Public Transit Program which makes Federal resources available to rural areas with a population under 50,000 for general public transit.

### **Program Overview**

The Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, codified at 49 U.S.C. 5311 (Section 5311) is authorized under the provisions set forth in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law 112-141.

FTA apportions or awards funds to States, Indian tribes, or other eligible recipients located in rural areas for planning, administration, public transportation capital projects, operating costs, job access reverse commute projects, and the acquisition of public transportation service.

Eligible applicants include local governments, non-profits, and Tribal governments. Private operators are eligible to apply for intercity funds through this program. Aside from planning requests, all other new applicants must have a planning feasibility study completed prior to application award.

### **Funding Available**

FTA released a partial apportionment of FFY 2015 5311 Formula fund apportionments. Funds available are estimated at approximately \$12 million.

Further details about the Section 5311 grant programs can be found on the ADOT website <http://azdot.gov/planning/TransitProgramsandGrants>

Applications will be accepted beginning March 3, 2015. All application materials are to be completed and submitted electronically in ADOT's E-Grants system which can be found at <https://egrants.azdot.gov/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=AZDOT> no later than April 17, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Evaluation Criterion**

- Appropriateness and Effectiveness of Service
- Financial and Managerial Capability
- Local Commitment to Transit and Accessibility
- Safety and Training
- Coordination

**Other Important Information**

Those who are awarded FTA funds will:

- Enter into a contract with, and become a Subrecipient of, ADOT.
- Be required to comply with all Federal program requirements.

If you have questions about the Section 5311 Program, please contact ADOT Program Manager, Sara Allred at 602-712-4498 or [Sallred@azdot.gov](mailto:Sallred@azdot.gov).

We look forward to receiving your application in the upcoming months. Thank you for your interest in FTA funding.

Sincerely,



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